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Tribal Council Members:

Susan J. LaFernier, President
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Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews

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DECEMBER 15th ELECTION RESULTS



Registering KBIC voters at the Baraga District Poll.

Tribal elections were held on Saturday, December 15, 2007. Voting members visited the election polls located at the Niwiin Akeea Facility and the Zeba Methodist Church. Voters were able to cast their ballot for two candidates in the L'Anse District and two candidates in the Baraga District. Listed on the ballot were: Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr. (Incumbent), Elizabeth D. "Popcorn" Mayo (Incumbent), Fred Dakota, Charles A. Loonsfoot Sr., James J. Loonsfoot, and Debra Williamson in the Baraga District. In the L'Anse District, Michael F. LaFernier Sr. (Incumbent), Toni J. Minton (Incumbent), Joseph A. Dowd (Shawanung), JoAnne Racette, and Donald F. Stolp Jr. were the candidates. Violet M. Friisvall Ayres (Incumbent) was the sole candidate for Associate Judge.

Immediately following closing of the polls on Saturday, December 15th, preliminary counts were announced by the election workers: Violet M. Friisvall Ayres received 363 votes, securing the Associate Judge's term for the next three years. For the L'Anse District Representatives — Michael F. LaFernier Sr. received 225 votes, Toni J. Minton received 202 votes, JoAnne Racette re-

ceived 189 votes, Joseph A. Dowd (Shawanung) received 166 votes and Donald F. Stolp Jr. received 62 votes. These results reflect Michael F. LaFernier Sr. and Toni J. Minton have secured a three year term in the L'Anse District. For the Baraga District Representatives — Elizabeth D. "Popcorn" Mayo received 191 votes, Fred Dakota received 190 votes, Charles A. Loonsfoot Sr. received 190 votes, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr. received 176 votes, James L. Loonsfoot received 59 votes and Debra Williamson received 45 votes. Elizabeth D. "Popcorn" Mayo has secured a three year term for the Baraga District. Due to the tie in the Baraga District, the KBIC Election Board announced they will be holding a recount on Monday, December 17, 2007. Voters also passed the referendum question: "Do you support a Primary Election in the L'Anse and Baraga Districts, to be held in advance of the General Election, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Tribal Council who will then be elected to the Tribal Council at the General Election by a majority vote of eligible voters in the Community," with 286 yes votes and 144 no votes.

PRESS RELEASE: On December 17, 2007, the Election Board met and a recount was held over the results of the Tribal General Election that was held on Saturday, December 15, 2007, where there was a tie of the tribal council seat in the Baraga District. The results of the recount came out with the same number of votes for each candidate and a run-off election will have to be held within 45 days.

A preliminary date of January 27, 2008, was discussed but the Tribal Council will have to certify the results of the last election before calling for a run-off election. Plans are under way at this time to call a Tribal Council meeting to certify the results of the December 15, 2007, election along with the recount.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- December 1, 2007, Tribal Council meeting
- Ojibwa Community College, Spring Semester 2008
- Marquette Celebrates Christmas
- Keweenaw Bay Celebrates Christmas
- Remembering our Veterans during the holidays
- Our Deepest Sympathy
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December 1, 2007 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on December 1, 2007, in the Chippewa Room of the Ojibwa Resort Motel in Baraga, Michigan.

Susan LaFernier presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Toni Minton, Gary F. Loonsfoot Sr., Jennifer Misegan, Larry Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Jerry Lee Curtis, William E. Emery, Michael F. LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews and Elizabeth D. Mayo present. Numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items were reviewed by Council. Council approved the meeting minutes for October 11, 2007, and Department Head reports for October 2007.

Susan LaFernier reported in the President's Report, that on November 5, 2007, she, along with Larry Denomie and Head Start parents attended a meeting where MSU staff were collecting data for a research study to help improve outcomes and promote the success of all children enrolled in Michigan based American Indian Early Head Start programs. Areas of discussion were Community and Education, benefits of Head Start, incorporating culture into the programming, and teachers' credentials. President LaFernier sent a letter on November 2nd, to Governor Granholm and to the twelve federally recognized Tribes in Michigan, regarding the KBIC, the National Wildlife Federation and the Huron Mountain Club comments in opposition to the proposed issuance of mining, air use, groundwater discharge permits, land lease agreement and the mine reclamation plan requested by Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company. A consultation with the State of Michigan was also requested concerning the proposed action as provided under the terms of the 2002 Government to Government accord with the State. The consultation will be held in Lansing on December 11, 2007, and a decision on the permits may be made on December 14, 2007. President LaFernier had stated last month that a hearing had been scheduled for December 5th, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for oral arguments to be heard on our Sales/Use Tax case. There was another motion filed by the State, and the hearing has been rescheduled for February 5, 2007, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to hear all of the motions. In regards to the Marquette Airport Casino, a news release by Carl Artman, Assistant Secretary, on November 16, 2007, stated President Bush and his Administration are holding back offreservation gaming applications until it develops new policy/regulations on the controversial issue. President LaFernier informed us that Artman stated it would be dangerous for the BIA to approve or disapprove any of the projects without the revised policy, and he hopes to come up with an initial draft to circulate within the Interior Department in about a month. On October 23, 2007, Federal District Court Judge Gordon J. Quist issued a decision in the case of Michigan Property & Casualty Guaranty Association vs. Foucault-Funke American Legion Post 444 dismissing the action in Federal Court by holding that the Tribal Court of the KBIC has the right to determine whether the Tribal Court has jurisdiction, under the laws of the KBIC, to hear this case even though the plaintiff in the case was a non-Indian association created by statue enacted by the Michigan legislature. Judge Quist is the same judge that has been assigned to our State and Use Tax case that has been filed against the State of Michigan in Federal Court. In Judge Quist's decision, he acknowledges the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Court's inherent jurisdiction over non-Indians in civil litigation arising on the reservation. Tribal Council will be closely following further developments in this case. President LaFernier reminds everyone of the Drug Tip line (353-DRUG, 353-3784). If you know of the sale or use of illegal drugs on our reservation or in the community, please call. Your name will remain confidential unless you choose otherwise. President LaFernier reminded all to remember to vote at the Tribal Elections on December 15, 2007, and to be careful during the holiday season throughout all of our many activities. Please continue to keep everyone in your prayers who are ill or have lost loved ones, especially the families of Brian Gasperich (Former Casino Employee) and Gerald Connors

Larry Denomie III presented the CEO Report for November. There is a push by the Federal government to require Early childhood teachers to obtain a bachelor's degree prior to teaching and for those already teaching to obtain one in a specific amount of time. On October 5, 2007, CEO Denomie participated in a Head Start Focus Group intended to gather input from Tribal Communities throughout the State for this purpose. An advertisement soliciting interests in leasing the KBIC Tire facility will be placed in the upcoming edition of the L'Anse Sentinel, requesting letters of interest by December 15, 2007. A report will be prepared for Tribal Council after that date. The Weed and Seed Coordinator has been offered to Christopher Gerard. The granting agency has final approval on this position. Jerry

Lee Curtis has accepted the offered position of Administrator for the Substance Abuse Programs. He began his duties on November 20, 2007. At the November 29, 2007, meeting, Council motioned to offer Becky Tussing the Associate Director position for the Health Center. On November 16, 2007, Council passed a motion to fund the Ojibwa Community College for an additional semester. Included in the motion was a directive to work with OCC President Debbie Parrish to look into offering classes through accredited institutions at OCC. A meeting with Parrish is planned for December 3, 2007. The Ojibwa Senior's renovation project has reached the point where meals need to be prepared at an alternate location. Beginning December 10, 2007, meals will be served at the Community Center located behind the Tribal Center. Council authorized capital expenditures to update and renovate the Casino Hotel. The process has begun and will continue throughout the month of December. The pool and spa will be closed for repairs and renovation for a period during this month. CEO Denomie thanked the Government Christmas Party Committee for all the hard work they have done for the Annual party to be held this evening (December 1, 2007).

Toni Minton presented the Secretary's Report for November 2007. During the month of November, Council held one regular meeting and five special meetings. The regular Tribal Council meeting was held on November 3, 2007, and is reported in the December 2007 Tribal Newsletter. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on November 6, 2007: agreed to have the President send a letter to the L'Anse and Baraga schools requesting information on Title VII and to request a meeting with Lynn Ketola and the School Administrators; approved resolution KB1586-2007 Referendum request for Primary Elections; approved Thanksgiving and Christmas gift cards for Tribal employees and committee members; approved the contract with Assistant Tribal Attorney Heather Chapman; approved the contract with Growth Strategies Consulting; approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Bay Mills Community College for the Immersion Program; selected the Weed and Seed Coordinator. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on November 8, 2007: approved meeting minutes for October 1, 2007; approved resolutions—KB1581-2007 Joyce Field Recreational Lease, KB1582-2007 Donald Messer Residential Lease, KB1583-2007 Jennifer Heath Residential Lease, KB1587-2007 Sally B. Michaelson Recreational Lease, KB1588-2007 Indian Child Welfare Act Committee By-Laws, KB1590-2007 United Tribes of Michigan Membership; approved Participation Games slot removals and installations; approved 15 individuals and five alternates for TSI; approved sending a letter to the BIA to request an additional \$10,000 for TSI; approved a timber marking class; held the third reading of the Child Support/Paternity Ordinance 2007-03; approved the Child Support/Paternity Ordinance 2007-03; approved the services agreement with Opus Technologies for online reservation service; approved the construction contract with Haataja Trunk'n for the Pequaming Water and Sewer Extension Project; approved the services agreements with Barbara Nolan and Rhonda Hopkins for Immersion classes; approved a \$1300 donation to Brian Rantanen; held hearing Case #005-07 and suspended the commissioner for two weeks. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on November 16, 2007: approved meeting minutes from October 2 and 6, 2007; agreed to continue the Ojibwa Community College through the Spring semester, work with President Parrish on the budgets and continue to work on accreditation with other colleges; approved an additional \$10,000 for the employee Christmas party budget; increased the Tribal Maintenance budget to hire a seasonal employee for snowplowing; approved the 2007 registered voters list; approved Associate Tribal Judge candidate Violet Friisvall Ayres; approved the following 2007 Tribal Council candidates—(Baraga) Fred Dakota, Gary Loonsfoot Sr., Charles Loonsfoot Sr., James Loonsfoot, Elizabeth Mayo, Debra Williamson, (L'Anse) Joseph Dowd, Michael LaFernier Sr., Toni Minton, JoAnne Racette, Donald Stolp Sr.; donated \$1550 to KBIC Head Start for their Christmas party; approved an airline ticket for Recovery Request #001-2007; amended the services agreement of Rhonda Hopkins for Immersion classes; hired Jerry Lee Curtis as Substance Abuse Programs Administrator; approved an emergency medical request for Myrtle Tolonen. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on November 21, 2007: denied the appeal/request of Carrie Ashbrook to place her name as a candidate in the L'Anse District for the 2007 election. The following actions occurred during the special meeting held on November 29, 2007: donated \$2500 to the Baraga American Legion for Christmas packages for active military personnel; agreed to hold a smoke free Christmas party for Government employees; approved the following

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resolutions—KB1575-2007 BIA Contracts application for January 2007-December 2010, KB1577-2007 Tanya Sherman residential lease, KB1578-2007 Denise Cadeau residential lease, KB1579-2007 Charles Loonsfoot Jr. residential lease, KB1580-2007 Richard LaFernier recreational lease, KB1585-2007 Elderly Nutrition and Caregivers grant application; KB1589-2007 Department of Justice GREAT Program grant application, KB1592-2007 Baraga 2% distribution, KB1593-2007 Marquette 2% distribution; approved the sales contract with Qubica for an automatic bowling scoring system; approved the Native American Progressive System Agreement with IGT; approved November donations totaling \$12,650; offered Becky Tussing the Associate Health Director position.

Jennifer Misegan presented the Treasurer's Report for November 2007. The second of two yearly 2% distributions were made to local units of government per our 1993 consent judgment. The amount distributed for our Baraga Casino was \$159,353.74 and the Marquette Casino was \$192,950.86. Calculations were based on the net win of class III gaming or slot machines. Breakdowns are as follows: (Baraga) Baraga County—\$34,214.08, Baraga School District—\$41,190.21, Baraga Township—\$13,782.42, Baraga Village—\$10,595.31, L'Anse School District—\$20,558.08, L'Anse Township—\$2,317.28, L'Anse Village—\$1,696.36, Baraga Village/Baraga Fire Dept.—\$10,000.00, Township of Baraga/Bay Ambulance—\$25,000.00, (Marquette) City of Marquette/Native American Student Assoc.—\$14,000.00, Sands Township/Sands Township Fire Department— \$11,400.00, City of Marquette/Marquette County History Museum—\$12,500.00, West Branch Township/West Branch Community Center—\$20,000.00, Chocolay Township—\$35,000.00, City of Marquette/The Women's Center—\$10,000.00, Marquette County/Various Programs—\$90,050.86. Our 8% payments were made during November. These payments are made pursuant to the 2000 Consent Judgment or stipulation that was entered into between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the State of Michigan in order to keep our Marquette Casino open. The Marquette Casino amount was \$771,803.43. The Baraga Casino amount was \$637,414.91; however, this amount is offset by \$72,742.48 for the vehicle use tax reimbursements and the amount sent was \$564,672.43. Fifteen requests were received for the November donations meeting, seven of these were granted. Donations for the month of November were as follows: Toys for Tots—\$5,000.00, Salvation Army—\$5,000.00, Baraga Fire Department for the Annual Christmas Party—\$500.00, Breanna Pearson (assistance to attend Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp)—\$300.00, California Nations Indian Gaming Foundation (aid to Tribes affected by the fires)-\$500.00, American Cancer Society-\$1,000.00, Build the Dream National Memorial Foundation (Memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr).-\$250.00, Save the Wild UP (Donation of an auction item)—up to \$100.00. accounting staff has been preparing for the annual audit. Auditors will be here this week to begin the audit for both the enterprises and the government. Treasurer Misegan indicated that she is confident that this audit will go well, as we have a very hardworking, competent staff. A Community meeting to review the Tribe's finances had been planned but after much consideration Council has decided to mail a report to tribal members. Our CFO, Francis Hosh LaPointe and Treasurer Misegan are working on this report to insure our members get the same true and correct information.

Council received questions from the audience. Deb Parrish (KBIC member and Ojibwa Community College President) who was present asked numerous questions of the Council. Parrish asked, "How much was the cost of those Immersion service agreements for Barb Nolan and those other ones?" Secretary Toni Minton replied, "\$30,000 for one full year." Parrish asked, "Why was Carrie Ashbrook's application denied?" President Susan LaFernier replied, "Because Marquette is not addressed in the Constitution." Parrish asked, "How much are the Council Stipends?" Treasurer Jennifer Misegan replied, "\$250 and those who are employed by the Tribe deduct their wages from the stipend so there is no double dipping." Parrish asked, "How much was allocated in the past year for Council's Stipends in the budget?" Misegan replied, "\$200,000 for FY'07 and \$140,000 was spent on Council stipends. The entire Council budget is \$850,000 and it includes the senior heating, the newsletter, \$200,000 for donations, employee activities (such as the Christmas party, turkey & hams), wages for the president and the recording secretary, the Wellness Program at the Health Dept. (tobacco patches, chantix), and travel." Parrish asked, "How many budgets receive tribal support?" Misegan and Minton both replied—Quite a few, almost all. There are very few programs that don't receive Tribal Support. Parrish asked, "How many grants do you fund? I'm just talking about the tribal support programs?" Misegan replied, "Off the top of my head, I don't know." Parrish asked, "You have a number of grants, some do not require matching funds though?" Misegan replied, "Right, there aren't many of those." Parrish asked, "Do you know if any of those grants were over-spent in this past year?" Misegan replied, "I looked to see who was over-spent so far and there were two. New Day had some revenue problems, and the College was overspent." Parrish asked, "So what is the time frame for adjusting those budgets?" Misegan replied, "A memo was sent out from the accounting office before the end of the fiscal year with a deadline of October." Parrish asked, "How can you make corrections with a deadline of this month?" President LaFernier replied, "They have not closed this year." Parrish asked, "All the purchase requests submitted before September 30th, will those be paid?" Misegan replied, "They have all been entered and allocated to FY'07. were some problems with some of the ones you submitted. The grant was already closed." Parrish stated, "I submitted one on September 26th and it did not get to Dawn's office until October 31st." Treasurer Jennifer indicated that she would find out the dates for her. Jennifer stated, "Thank you, those were good questions. That's all information that has been out there that's been incorrect."

Jim St. Arnold of GLIFWC (KBIC member) gave a wonderful presentation on GLIFWC's new Anishinaabe Atlas. The Atlas has a very user friendly CD that offers not only territories, rivers, lakes, streams but includes birds, animals and more within their Ojibwa dictionary. A click of the mouse and a speaker pronounces the correct pronunciation for the Ojibwa word regarding that topic and includes a description in both Ojibwa and English. This CD program will be available in the L'Anse Library, Baraga Library, Ojibwa Community Library, the Ojibwa Community College, and many other locations within the Community. This program is available for purchase from GLIFWC at cost by visiting their website www.glifwc.org.

Council passed resolution KB1594-2007, an Annual WUPPDR report and KB1595-2007, a Keweenaw Trail resolution whereas the KBIC is dedicated to the preservation and growth of year round tourism in the Keweenaw peninsula and is concerned with the future economic vitality in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw and Ontonagon counties and supports the preservation of all abandoned railroad grades (across the State of Michigan) as trail corridors as vital to the growth of Michigan's tourism industry. KBIC supports preserving abandoned railroad grade corridors for interim and long term use as public trails and supports the Keweenaw Peninsula Chamber of Commerce in their efforts in this matter.

Council reviewed three bids for a new plow truck for maintenance as the senior plowing is to remain in-house. William E. Emery made a motion to make purchase of the plow truck from the bid of Thomas Ford Motors, supported by Michael F. LaFernier Sr., ten supported, one opposed (Elizabeth *Popcorn Mayo*), 0 abstaining, motion carried. Mayo stated her opposition was due to the fact that it would have been more cost effective to hire out the senior plowing on contract.

FNS HANDBOOK 501, EXHIBIT M

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA

(Effective October 1, 2007)

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Computation of Income Eligibility Standards—The income eligibility limits for each household size are based on the sum of the Food Stamp Program net monthly income limits and standard deduction amounts used for the appropriate State.

Income Deductions—see 7

CFR 2.536(f)

Dependant Care Deduction — The current maximum allowable dependent care deduction is \$200 for dependant children under two years of age, and \$175 for all other dependants.

of their earned income. Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

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OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SPRING SEMESTER 2008



Boozhoo and welcome to our new and continuing students! We wish you the best in the new year. The spring semester officially begins on Monday, January 7, 2008. Orientation for new students will be held on Thursday, January 3, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. All new freshmen and family

members are encouraged to attend.

Registration will be held at that time, and students will receive their student handbooks, catalog, and other pertinent information. Student ID's will be available along with scheduling for placement testing. You must present your Student ID to utilize the KBOCC Fitness Center, Library computer lab, and participate in some college related activities. Books will be available the first day of class. Returning students can register at any time. The drop/add deadline is Friday, January 18, 2008. For admissions information and ID's, contact Zena Huhta at 353-4604. For financial aid and student computer accounts contact Liz Julio at 353-4605. Faculty advising is available throughout the week. For transfer credit information, call Kristin Tepsa at 353-4602.

All students who have completed their program requirements this Fall and those who anticipate completing this Spring or Summer must complete an application for graduation. Please meet with your advisor and contact Kristin Tepsa, Dean of Instruction and Student Services, for review of your degree audit.

We would like to welcome our newest adjunct faculty members, Dr. Frank Underdown, math instructor, and Gail Juntunen, early childhood education instructor. Faculty will meet with students during scheduled office hours in the Adjunct Faculty Office located at the College's main campus at 111 Bear Town Road. Mary DeLine will be available to assist students on completion of their CDA certification. Welcome back Joe Dowd, Deb Schultz, Violet Friisvall Ayres, Tim Brennan, Jay Loonsfoot, JoAnne Racette, Melissa Hronkin, Frank Taddeucci, and Bob Zasadnyj.

The pottery course will be held at the Fine Arts Studio in the KBOCC Annex at 325 Superior Avenue, in Baraga. The Ojibwa beadwork course will be held at the Library/ Science Center. Early Childhood Education classes will be held at the main campus or at the Library/Science Center. All other classes will be held at the main campus on Bear Town Road.

We are still moving forward with the accreditation process, but we cannot submit the preliminary information form until we have approval of the budget and resolution from the Tribal Council. We also met with staff from NMU to discuss our transfer credit agreements and potential course offerings here. We will also be continuing discussion with MTU and Finlandia University on similar collaborations.

OCC's Opening Ceremony will be held on Monday, January 7, 2008, at 11:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. OCC is open to the public. Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Our Deepest Sympathy

Gerald John Connors

(September 22, 1931 - November 28, 2007)

Gerald John Connors, age 76, of Zeba, passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2007, at the Baraga County Memorial Hospital Skilled Nursing Unit. Gerald was born on September 22, 1931, in Odanah, Wisconsin, the son of the late Joseph and Julia (Barbano) Connors. Gerald lived in Milwaukee for 50 years working for the Rose Company as a welder and then for the Alexian Village retirement community. Gerald married the former Mary Emery in 1970, in Zion, IL. In 1996, he retired and moved to Zeba.

He was a member of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church in Assinins, KBIC, and the Ojibwa Seniors. Gerald loved his dogs. The family would also like to thank the nurses and staff at the long term care unit at the hospital.

Surviving are his son, Patrick Connors of Chassell; brothers Joseph, James, and Michael Connors; sisters Barbara Connors and Lorraine (Ken) Berger all of Milwaukee; several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death is his wife Mary in 2001; brothers Bernard and Glenn Connors; sisters Helen Connors and Margaret Harbour.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, December 2, 2007, at the Jacobson Funeral Home. Fr. George Maki officiated. The Jacobson Funeral Home of L'Anse assisted the family with arrangements.

Margaret M. Ross

(April 24, 1923 - December 6, 2007)

Margaret M. Ross, age 84, of Baraga, passed away suddenly Thursday, December 6, 2007, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital. Margaret was born April 24, 1923, in L'Anse, the daughter of the late Hector and Helen (DeCota) Morin. Marge attended school in L'Anse and later completed two years of college. She married Leonard Eugene Potter, and he preceded her in death in 1962. She then married Dennis (Mike) Ross. He died in 1988. Margaret was a member of KBIC and active in numerous civic affairs, including the tribal council. She was a strong believer in learning and education and taught for the L'Anse-Baraga Head Start program and later for the KBIC Head Start program. Her first love was the welfare of her family, and their needs overshadowed all her other activities. She was an avid reader, loved to garden, and kept busy with civic interests.

Margaret is survived by her loving family, sons James Potter of Baraga, Kenneth (Sandra) Potter of Everett, WA., Blaine Ross of Baraga, daughter Robbie (Michael Cornelius) of Hancock, grandchildren Robert, Sean, Dacota, Tanya and Susie; step-daughter Carole (Robert) Carlson and step-son Gene (Marilyn) Ross both of Baraga; step-grandchildren Roxanne, Tammy, Murray and Nicole; sister Mary Walker of Baraga, sister-in-law Darlene Morin of L'Anse. Numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives also survive.

A memorial funeral service for Margaret was held Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at the Reid Funeral Service and Chapel, L'Anse. Judy Mattson officiated. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, the family suggests memorials to the Little Brothers' Friends of the Elderly or the Ojibwa Community Library. Envelopes are available at the funeral chapel. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel assisted the family with arrangements. Margaret's obituary may also be viewed and condolences offered at www.rfsc.net.

RoseMary Shulstad

(May 22, 1914 – December 13, 2007)

RoseMary Shulstad, age 93, of Baraga, passed away suddenly Thursday, December 13, 2007, at home. RoseMary was born May 22, 1914, in Baraga, the daughter of the late Peter A. and Rosalie (Robillard) Magnant. RoseMary graduated from Baraga High School in 1931. RoseMary married Herbert Shulstad at the Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak, Ml. He preceded her in death in 1994. She was employed by the public school system as a secretary until her retirement. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Baraga, Lady Foresters, Order of St. Francis, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and a former Altar Society member. RoseMary enjoyed playing cards, going to Bingo, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and reading. She was an avid sports fan, particularly basketball and the Pistons. She was also active in church activities.

Mrs. Shulstad is survived by her loving daughters, Pauline (Al) Goodreau of Baraga and Kathleen (Robert) Acton of Howell, Ml., 14 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and sister, Jeanne Lambert of Crandon, Wl. Numerous nieces and nephews also survive. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Rosalie Waara, brothers, Peter, Edward, and John, and sisters, Cecilia, Pauline, and Kathleen.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, December 17, 2007, at St. Ann's Catholic Church, in Baraga. Father George Maki officiated with Father Thomas Schmied cocelebrant. The Reid Funeral Service and Chapel assisted the family with the arrangements.

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Notice to Public:

Inclement Weather Policy

This facility follows the Baraga Area Schools closing policy. When school is cancelled in Baraga, **the Youth facility i**s closed.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community will not be responsible for any injuries occurring when the building is closed, or unsupervised. No one under 18 is allowed in the facility, unless accompanied by an adult.

> Please call 353-4643, or 4644 if any questions. Miigwetch for your cooperation! ~ Youth Facility Staff



Anishinaabe Anokii

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Tel: (906) 353-2626 Fax: (906) 353-2627

Timothy W. Shanahan, **Business Counselor**

Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

MARQUETTE RESIDENTS ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTIES

On Sunday, December 2, 2007, the Marquette KBIC Senior Citizen's Party was held at the Ojibwa Housing Authority Community Building. Both Marguette and several Baraga Senior Citizens ate the wonderful prepared meal which included turkey, ham and all the fixings. To top off the party, the younger generation Jenna Loos, Kristina Misegan, Shawn Duquette, Kylee Bressette, Savannah Seymour, Autumn and Neebin Ashbrook-Pietila sang traditional Christmas songs. Autumn Ashbrook-Pietila played the chipmunk song on her flute. Each senior citizen received a homemade cedar wreath, cedar candle arrangement or a poinsettia to take home with them and all attendees received a special coffee mug.

The Marquette KBIC Teen Party was a dance held at the Ojibwa Housing Community Building on Friday, December 7, 2007. The teens danced to today's hip music chosen by disc jockeys Glen Jr. and Travis Bressette. The evening brought comedy thrilling entertainment when the teens played musical chairs and Limbo. The night was a great success!

The UP Children's Museum was the location for the Marquette Youth Christmas Party held on Sunday, December 9, 2007. The children enjoyed the wide variety of kid friendly stations through-out the museum including a table to make a craft to take home. Children were able to enjoy in the beautician area having their nails and/or face painted. In the snake area, plain sugar cookies to eat were available along with a big bucket of frosting.

All the way from the North Pole, Santa visited with each child, handing out presents and goody bags filled with special treats to enjoy. A big thank you to Officer Tony Carrick for his help on keeping the party safe.

Chi Miigwetch to all the wonderful volunteers who assisted with the Youth, Teen and Senior Citizens' Christmas Parties: Adrian Abbott: Terry Abbott-Brandon; Lisa Aisthorpe; Carrie, Keith, Autumn and Neebin Ashbrook; Lois Badell; Polly Beauchamp; Glen Sr., Jody and Amber Bressette; Glen Jr., Kylee and Travis Bressette; Michelle Large; Linda Bressette; Sandy "Lou" Bressette; Patti Brown; Amber and Stefanee Carlisle; Cathy Cote; Melanie Durant; Shawn Duquette; Harley Finnerty; Betty Gardner; Connie Hemmila; Shirl Keating; Jeena Loos; Jackie Madosh; Shelly Malay; Lee Madosh; Pete Madosh Jr.; John, Sharon and Kristina Misegan; Kyle Perry; Clifford Peterson; Michelle Adams; Roy Peterson; Theda Ritara; Tina Romero; Charlene and Adriana Ruiz; Mackenzie and Savannah Seymour; Dale, Tracie, Shane and Ciara Shalifoe; Cally, Carmen and Jeffrey Tolonen: David Tousignant: Deb Williamson; and to all the people who brought a dish to share, all the parents who helped keep watch over the children and a special miigwetch to Santa. (Pictures continued on page six.)

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MARQUETTE CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

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KEWEENAW BAY CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

The KBIC Children's' Christmas parties were held at the Niiwin Akeea Community Center on Saturday, December 8, 2007, at 12-4 pm for ages 0-11 and 8-12 pm for ages 12-18. The children and their families enjoyed a delicious meal, participated in cake walks, had a chance to have their face painted, and each had the opportunity to visit with Santa Claus. Teenagers participated in many games of bingo with the opportunity to win some fantastic prizes. All youth received a bag of candy and a special present. The teenagers received a \$25 gift card. Special milgwetch to all who donated snacks for the party.

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KBIC YOUTH CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers for October 2007

KBIC Halloween Party. Without their assistance on these events, we could not have held them! Chi Miigwetch.

Individual Volunteers:

Mary Jossens - made sloppy joes for Halloween party Charlie Gauthier – cut corn stalks for party Joe Robillard – donated hay bales and corn stalks Bill & Lori Muhlig- donated glow mouthpieces for Halloween Dance

Food Donations:

MTU AISES Chapter Tracy Emery Sheila Ekdahl Dianna Veker/Loretta Hugo Stephanie Bushong (AISES) Debbie Williamson Sydni Voakes Lori Picard Heather Chosa Bill Jondreau **Amy Manning** Bill Muhlig Decorating:

Danielle Kent Lindsey Loonsfoot Joseph Spruce Theresa Massie Candy Kemppainen **Brent Geroux** Shanna DeCota Jen Lister Liz Julio Bucki Jondreau Mary Messer Lori Muhlig

Mary Jossens Doreen Blaker Pauline Spruce Jimi Welsh Miranda Voakes Rea Spruce Haven Curtis Elli Nieskes Nannie Beck Teri DeCota Carole LaPointe Tina Durant

Wes Curtis Nannie Beck Ashley Beck Matt Beck Kassidey Beck Teri Curtis Roni Jossens

Mark Miller Lucas Julio Jacki Jossens

Chaperones:

Lynelle Sutherland Helene Curtis Michelle Miller Kelly Shelifoe Tammy Seymour (Marquette group-Tot Party)

Teri Curtis Ceil Chosa

Becky Genschow

Coaching/Open Gym:

Marty Curtis

September Volunteers and Donations 2007 Pete Olson- made 4 fringers for regalia class Gerry Mantila - donated material for Pink Shawls

Chaperones:

MTU AISES Students Back to School Dance

Over \$400.00 was raised and donated to Paul Pouttu, KBIC member and MTU AISES student, for incurring medical bills related to an illness he has.

Brian Wilder

Monetary Donations for this quarter (August/Sept/Oct) Mike LaFernier

Carlson Family Francis LaPointe Family

- *A special thanks to: Charlie Gauthier, Dawn Alexander and Tim Kohn (cleaning staff at the Niiwin Akeea Center), and Lauri Denomie—photographer.
- *If your name has been omitted, we apologize. You can correct us by calling the Youth Office at 353-4643! Please ask for the volunteer/donation sheet when you volunteer or donate items~ it helps us keep track of your time and efforts! Miigwetch!

OJIBWA SENIOR CITIZENS RECEIVES THANKSGIVING COOKBOOK AND SONGS





Prior to their regularly scheduled noontime meal, on Wednesday, November 21, 2007, the Ojibwa Senior Citizens were presented with a wonderful cookbook from their special visitors-Mrs. Hayrynen's Kindergarten Class (Baraga Area Schools/ Pelkie Learning Center). To begin the celebration season of Thanksgiving, the children performed a short musical presentation consisting of a number of songs with their teacher accompanying them on the

piano. Everyone definitely was delighted by the music of the children whose songs consisted of — Boozhoo; Oh Beautiful; You Are my Sunshine; Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star; I've Got a Joy; The Alphabet Song; The Wheels on the Bus; Make New Friends; This Little Light of Mine; Over the River and Through the Woods. Following the presentation, the children shared pizza with the senior citizens.

Tribal Council Releases Report on Title VII Program

The Tribal Council has released a report that was recently submitted to them regarding the Title VII Program from Special Program's Director, Lynn Ketola.

Report to Tribal Council on the Title VII Program

Background

This program has been administered through the L'Anse and Baraga Area Schools for well over thirty years. The program pays for a Home and School Coordinator, a half-time teacher aide at the middle school in Baraga and a portion of a certified counselor in L'Anse.

The Official definition of Title VII programming is as follows: Indian Education is a Federal Program, now under Title VII, whose purpose is to support the efforts of Local Education Agencies, Indian tribes, post-secondary institutions, and other entities to meet the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of the American Indian and Alaskan Native students so that such students can meet the same challenging state student achievements standards as all other students are expected to meet. Therefore the main purpose of the funding is that our Native American students meet academic state standards as compared to the Non-Native student. This program is under "No Child Left Behind" as are other academic programs such as Title 1 funding. ındina

Based on student count and to be eligible a student must be an enrolled member or have a parent or grandparent who is an enrolled member of a Federally recognized tribe.

A teacher from the school district and a student are also members of the Title VII committee. Currently we have two parents from each district. The L'Anse and Baraga superintendents also attend the meetings when time allows.

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A Title VII Committee oversees the program.
Mary Dee Shanahan—Chairperson
Suzanne Kakkonen—Vice Chairperson
Kathy Mayo—Secretary
One position to be filled
Michelle Serafin—Teacher
Taylor Drift—L'Anse student
Ashtin Koski—Baraga student

Needs assessment

The **entire school student body test scores** are reviewed for each district. This constitutes reviewing over 1400 students' grades, disciplinary referrals, and attendance records. This information is not public knowledge and only accessible to school employees who are designated.

How we maintain teaching our Ojibwe language and Culture

The bilingual program addresses the cultural needs and field trips such as the one held on October 26th, at Michigan Tech where the Title VII and the Alternative Students attended a Native Speakers' forum. Each year we have offered a powwow in the schools.

Donald Stolp has been hired to teach Ojibwe language and Culture. We intend to have Donald conduct an after school program and as time allows to go into the entire school classroom to teach all the children about the culture.

Nearby Title VII programs/tribal groups

We have researched other programs and find that volunteers, 2% funding requests from the tribe and JOM funds, address culture needs. Often tutors are funded through a combination of Title VII funding and other grants the school systems have such as Title 1.

For example in Watersmeet, the program pays for a counselor. The tribe pays for a home and school coordinator position. In Brimley, funding has been decreasing, and they now have two teacher aides for tutoring. They have a teacher who teaches Native Culture but also is a public school teacher and teaches other non-native classes paid by the district. Sault Ste. Marie, has home school coordinators and the tribe pays for different cultural activities and an after school program.

In Escanaba, the program provides tutoring for all grades, the coordinator does cultural art classes in some of the classrooms once a year, such as third grade would create a leather pouch and all students in the class participate and the tribe pays for the supplies and volunteers do the preparation for the class. In Superior, Wisconsin, there is one home school coordinator and culture classes are offered at lunch recess for all students at the elementary school. The local tribe uses JOM funds to have drum practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the high school students who have passing grades only.

Unallowable costs for the program are such items as: student banquets, student dinners or ceremonies, individual student incentives or stipends, parent stipends, basic transportation costs, or vehicle purchases.

To offer Ojibwe language instruction and culture under Title VII is not the objective or purpose of Title VII funding. If this were so, then all of the other programs would only offer language instruction instead of the tutoring and counseling they now offer. Language and culture are placed within the realm of other classes these public school districts already offer such as art. Classes are offered during recess, etc. and to all students but not paid with Title VII funds.

With all due respect, the people requesting the change are elders not the parents of the program children. The superintendents and myself had requested a meeting with a committee of the Tribal elders versus all of the elders, and we were turned down. We did make a good faith effort to find out if there were some avenues we could take to address any issues the group had. I am under state grant constraints with the funding I have for Ojibwe, but we are lucky to still be receiving this funding.

I hope this creates more understanding for Tribal Council on this worthwhile program. Lynn Ketola.

Larry Denomie, KBIC's CEO, stated, "each school received approximately \$55,000 for school year 07-08, this amount changes yearly."



KBIC YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTED

A new KBIC Youth Council was elected on December 8, 2007, prior to the teen Christmas Party. Twenty-eight voters came out to cast their votes for Tashina Emery—president, Angelica Bogda-Vice President, Deanna Varline-Secretary, and Ethan Smith-Treasurer. The next Youth Council meeting will be Monday, January



7, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. All youth are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 353-4644, if you need a ride to the Youth center.

Remembering Our Veteran's During the Holidays





On December 16, 2007, KBIC Veteran Color Guard bagged up approximately 200 holiday gift packages for fellow veteran's who are residents at the Jacobetti Veteran's Center in Marquette, Michigan, or who are hospitalized in local facilities. The Color Guard delivered their packages which consisted of oranges, apples, bananas, candy, calendars, gloves, stamps, cards, and pens to the hospitalized veterans on December 17, 2007. Pictured (left) is Shine Miller as he opens one of his gifts from his package which was presented by Roger Bodga of Zeba.

(9) Zhaangaswi

January 2008

Notice: The Niiwin Akeea Center will be unavailable for day time use, between 6:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. for 40 days (Michigan Department of Corrections will being using the facility for new prison officer training). Dates limited use will occur are: January 14—February 22, 2008 and April 7-April 18, 2008. Please call the Youth Office at 353-4643 or 353-4644, to schedule your activities during this time. Milgwetch for your cooperation during this time.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Please contact newsletter@k Events are more detailed FYI to-date event listing, please on calendar. For Youth even	KBIC are welcome to be listed. bic.nsn.gov to list your event. within the newsletter. For upvisit www.ojibwa.com and click (underlined) please contact Club, or 353-4644 for the faciliraft rooms.	1 <u>No open gym</u> Happy New Year—Tribal Gov't	2	3 6:30 pm Violin Lesson	4	5
6	7 6 pm KBIC Youth Council Meeting	8	9	10 6:30 pm Violin Lesson	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 <u>6:30 pm Violin Lesson</u>	18 DHHS Women's Re- treat	19 DHHS Women's Retreat
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Tribal Gov't Offices closed.	22	23	24 <u>6:30 pm Violin Lesson</u>	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 <u>6:30 pm Violin Lesson</u>	Violin Lessons by Chelsea Smith, youth entre- preneur. Thursday evenings @ 6:30 pm, media room at KBIC Youth Niiwin Akeea Center. Call 353-8222 for appointment.	

INFLUENZA VACCINE 2007/2008

Vaccinations are available on a walk-in basis, but scheduled appointments are encouraged. Non-native household contacts are also eligible for vaccination at the KBIC Medical Clinic. For more information please call 353-8700.

Annual vaccination against influenza is recommended for:

- all persons, including school-aged children, who want to reduce the risk of becoming ill with influenza or of transmitting influenza to others;
- all children aged 6–59 months (i.e., 6 months–4 years);
- all persons aged >50 years;
- children and adolescents (aged 6 months—18 years) receiving long-term aspirin therapy who therefore might be at risk for experiencing Reyes syndrome after influenza virus infection;
- women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- adults and children who have chronic pulmonary (including asthma), cardiovascular (except hypertension), renal, hepatic, hematological or metabolic disorders (including diabetes mellitus);
- adults and children who have immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency virus);
- adults and children who have any condition (e.g., cognitive dysfunction, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other neuromuscular disorders) that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory secretions or that can increase the risk for aspiration;
- residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities;
- health-care personnel;
- healthy household contacts (including children) and caregivers of children aged <5 years and adults aged >50 years, with particular emphasis on vaccinating contacts of children aged <6 months.



IWKE —

The Women's (lwke) Retreat will be held on January 18 an 19, 2007, in Alberta. You must preregister to attend. To register and/or for more information call Heather Wood at 353-4546.





Need An Attorney?

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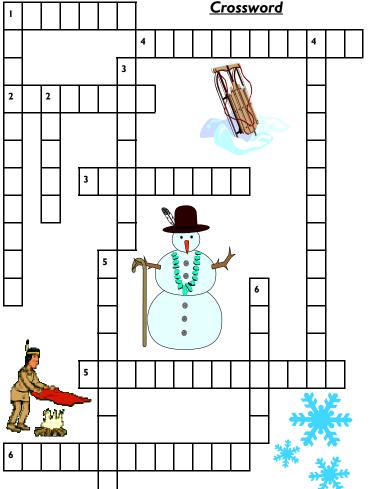
The service will be available and free to those individuals who meet income eligibility and other requirements.



(10) Midaaswi

OJIBWEMOWIN

Gichi Manidoo Giizis — Great Spirit Moon — January



Word List

gisinaa zhakipon mamaangadepon ishpaagonagaa goon inini biboonodaabaan

dakaji naadinise biindigenise boodawe awazo giizhooshin

Fill in the blank

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Across

- 1 it is cold (weather)
- 2 there is heavy wet snow falling
- 3 go get firewood
- 4 bring firewood inside
- 5 sleigh
- 6 snowing in large flakes

Down

- 1 lie in warmth
- 2 warm oneself by the fire
- 3 build a fire
- 4 deep snow
- 5 snowman
- 6 get a chill

The language page is designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm.

1ST STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a business and don't know what to do next…



Tina Durant Call @ (906) 353-2626 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Cen-

She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.



Keweenaw Bay **Indian Community Employment Opportunities**

For a current job listings, complete job announcements, application and closing dates contact: KBIC Per-

sonnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or ViSit http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm

On Call positions:

- * LPN
- * Unit Manager * Account Executive/Sales
- * Child Care Provider
- * Receptionist/Clerical Worker

IS THERE A METH LAB IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

Watch for:

- unusual chemical smells
- inappropriate ventilation; windows open in winter
- blacked-out windows
- excessive garbage
- many visitors who stay especially at night





OJIBWA COMMUNITY LIBRARY -

The library has received the following: Civics and Citizenship Toolkit, A Collection of Educational Resources for Immigrants. This will be extreme helpful for people seeking US citizenship.

November 19, 2007, the morning and afternoon KBIC Head Start classes visited the library. November was National American Indian Heritage Month. The library held a drawing for the DVD Into the West and the book The Trail of Tears. Cindy Curtis won the DVD and Shawnee Maki won the book. Congratulations Cindy and Shawnee.

The library has a laminating machine. The cost is \$.50 a foot.

~ Mary Bergerson, Librarian



Keweenaw Bay Indian Community DRUG TIP LINE

If you know of the sale or use of illegal drugs in our community, please let us know.

Our community needs your help.

If you choose to leave a message, it will be recorded onto an answering machine in the office of the Chief of Police.

Your name will remain confidential unless you choose otherwise.

Sponsored by the KB Drug Task Force and the KB Tribal Police be a lifesaver...call.

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